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Our Case No. 10420/17

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Barnes et al. )  
Serial No. 09/893,240 ) Examiner Dixon  
Filing Date: June 26, 2001 ) Group Art Unit No. 3639  
For Method and Apparatus for Processing )  
an International Passenger )

## AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 21, 2006, Applicants have timely filed this Amendment by Certificate of Facsimile Transmission. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Please amend this application as follows:

### **In the Claims:**

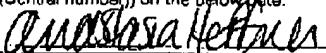
Please amend claims 1, 15, 18, 19 and 23 as follows (the changes in these claims are shown with ~~strike-through~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

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## TRANSMITTAL

## Attached is/are:

Transmittal Letter; Amendment  
 Return Receipt Postcard.

## Fee calculation:

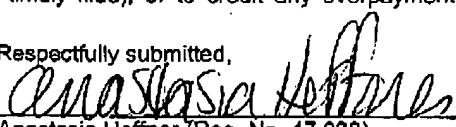
No additional fee is required.  
 Small Entity.  
 An extension fee in an amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
 A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_).  
 An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Not a Small Entity	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=
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A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.  
 Payment by credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (Form PTO-2038 is attached).  
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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